

General Assembly

Committee Bill No. 5011

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by: (ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING OWNERS OF DOGS THAT HAVE VICIOUS DISPOSITIONS OR THAT BARK EXCESSIVELY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 22-363 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):
- 3 No person shall own or harbor a dog or dogs which is or are a
- 4 nuisance by reason of vicious disposition or excessive barking or other
- 5 disturbance, or, by such barking or other disturbance, is or are a source
- 6 of annoyance to any sick person residing in the immediate vicinity.
- 7 Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction for the
- 8 first offense and such person shall be issued a summons and fined not
- 9 more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty
- days or both for each subsequent offense and the court or judge may
- 11 make such order concerning the restraint or disposal of such dog or
- 12 dogs as may be deemed necessary.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2011	22-363

Statement of Purpose:

To clarify that, upon a subsequent offense for owning or harboring a nuisance dog, the person shall be issued a summons and therefore required to appear in court.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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